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Frear Park Food Concession Up For Grabs

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(January 4, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian announced Wednesday that the restaurant concession at Frear Park Golf Course is being put out to bid by the City of Troy, and all interested parties are being asked to submit a bid by January 24th.

There will be a one-time walk through of the main restaurant and back-9 concession that will take place on Friday, January 14th beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the main restaurant. Prospective bidders are encouraged to tour the facilities before bidding.

In 2004, Frear Park Golf Course set records for the number of golfers that played the course. Combined with pleasant weather, Tutunjian hired a Golf Course Superintendent to oversee the maintenance of the course, which had been described as lackluster during previous years. The difference was apparent immediately, and soon the course was filled with players. Tutunjian said Wednesday that the City believes the food concession at the golf course is the missing piece of the puzzle.

"The thousands of rounds of golf played at Frear Park last year proved what many of us already knew- that the course is a crown jewel, and something residents should be very proud of," Tutunjian said. "However, a missing piece was the restaurant concession, which has operated at a below average level for some time. We believe that a strong presence there will allow the course to become a year round destination for all golfers and families alike in the area."

An internal committee designated by the Mayor will review the submitted written proposals. Following review, a short list shall be established for oral presentations, where vendors will discuss their qualifications, experience and the specifics of their proposal relative to performing the services outlined in the RFP. Any questions about the RFP can be addressed to Deputy Mayor Dan Crawley, who can be reached at 270-4644.

Copies of the RFP are available in the Comptroller's Office on the first floor of City Hall during regular business hours or at www.troyny.gov.

"There is a wonderful opportunity here for both the City of Troy and the future proprietor of the restaurant," Tutunjian said. "A joint partnership, one aimed at improving the services to golfers and the residents of Troy, is a win-win situation for all involved."

City Councilman Art Judge concurred with Tutunjian that an excellent food concession could do wonders for the course.

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“Last year was one of the best years we’ve ever had at the golf course,” Judge said. “Putting up a quality vendor in the concession will contribute mightily the success of the course. As a golfer I understand fully the importance of being able to have access to all services, and it is vital that Frear Park compete with all golf courses in the area. This will hopefully allow us to do that.”